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Tetanus serum and penicillin are produced by the Jenapharm Plant in Jena (M 51/J 66). Between August and October 1950 the Soviets appropriated two months' production. Professor Knoell, (fnu), the manager of the plant, had to admit that the culture media were polluted. The MVD arrested one man allegedly guilty of this act of sabotage. The entire initial penicillin production of the Jenapharm Plant, comprising about 40 units, deteriorated during the production process because of contamination. Production was resumed on the same scale as previously after the cause of contamination had been discovered and eliminated. A detailed description of the kind of impurities could not be supplied.

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